

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, August 18 2016

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz and Planning & Sustainability

16.143

An Order

Authorizing the purchase of 9 Lots for limited development off Burts Pit Road and Overlook Drive

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, On May 19, 2016, City Council approved purchase of 110± acres located between Burts Pit Road, Stone Ridge Road, Overlook Drive, and Florence Road, for open space and a limited housing development;

WHEREAS, The City has proceeded with its due diligence and designed a limited development scenario that preserves the quality open space and provides much needed housing, taking advantage of existing utilities, the best soils, the most environmentally sensitive design, and the lowest development and permitting costs;

WHEREAS, The limited development scenario includes:

1. 110± acres as an addition to Brookwood Marsh Conservation Area
2. Up to nine building lots on 2.67± acres (as shown on the attached preliminary plan) as follows:
 - A. Overlook Drive Lot 1, only if there is not funding to keep as open space and
 - B. Burts Pit Road Lots 3 through 10, with one or two lots dedicated for first-time home buyer affordable housing if CDBG and other funding is available
3. Driveways (instead of the developer's planned roads)

WHEREAS, The previous approval remains in effect, which authorizes the city to purchase the conservation land, and no further conservation approval is required.

Ordered, that

The Mayor is authorized to accept a deed or deeds to the above referenced 2.67± acres;

Further, that City Council declares such land surplus to City needs;

Further, that the Mayor is authorized to transfer deeds for the building lots.



